

## Getech Ltd Distributor Take Back Scheme

With effect from July 2007, the UK's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations require that all producers of electrical equipment are now obliged to pay for these items to be recycled when they become waste.

Recycling facilities are now available for all customers at which you can deposit your old electrical products.

This is a requirement under UK and European legislation (The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment – or WEEE – Directive).

The aim of the legislation is to;

- Make good use of the materials that make up old electrical equipment by recycling rather than disposing in landfill.
- Prevent the negative environmental effects of sending often hazardous electrical equipment to landfill.

As a conscientious business, **Getech Ltd** has chosen to group together with other retailers in joining the 'Distributor Take Back Scheme'.

So that you can get your waste electrical goods recycled, **Getech Ltd** have contributed towards a national fund to assist local councils to further develop their existing waste electronics collection facilities, which will in turn allow producers of this equipment to meet their obligations.

### **How does this work in practice?**

Customers will be able to take any old electrical equipment to participating civic amenity sites (often known as 'household waste recycling centre's) run by their local councils. Please remember that this equipment will be further handled during the recycling process. Funding collected through the Distributor Take Back Scheme has been distributed between all Local Authorities in the UK to ensure the provision of improved recycling facilities. Producers of these products will then ensure that deposited items are taken away and recycled.

### **Where to dispose of electrical equipment?**

Wherever practical, old electrical waste should **not** be disposed of with your household waste. Not all council sites are suitable to collect all types of waste electrical goods but to find out your nearest participating site (including other collection facilities that may not be Operated by the council) and for advice on all aspects of recycling at home, you can locate your closest participating collection site at <http://www.recycle-more.co.uk/banklocator/banklocator.aspx> (Please remember to have your postcode to hand).

These regulations also require that all retailers both actively assist in delivering a UK wide WEEE collection infrastructure and encourage the participation of consumers in recycling electronic equipment.